



Meeting Minutes
Date: October 8, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM

#	STATUS			NAME	INSTITUTION
	Present		Regrets		
1	x			Mike Lilly	Bluefield State College
2	x			Todd Cimino-Johnson, <i>Legislative Coordinator</i>	Blue Ridge CTC
3	x			Mike Ditchen	Bridge Valley CTC
4	x			Joseph Allen, <i>Chair</i>	Concord University
5			x	Shirley Murphy	Eastern WV CTC
6			x	James Matthews	Fairmont State University
7	x			Marjie Stewart	Glenville State College
8			x	Amine Oudghiri-Otmani	Marshall University
9			x	Katie Hopkins, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Mountwest CTC
10	x			Karen Berneburg	New River CTC
11			x	Amy Cunningham	Pierpont CTC
12	x			Tom Sydow	Potomac State College of WVU
13	x			Max Guirguis	Shepherd University
14	x			Charles Puckett, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Southern WV CTC
15	x			Sylvia Senften	West Liberty University
16	x			Kathy Herrington	WV Northern Community College
17	x			Celia McLay	WV School of Osteopathic Med.
18	x			Barbara Ladner, <i>Webmaster</i>	WV State University
19	x			Roy Nutter	West Virginia University
20	x			Joel Farkas	WVU at Parkersburg
21	x			Asad Davari	WVU Institute of Tech.

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I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- A. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM
- B. Minutes of the September 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

II. Old Business

- A. ACF Meeting Dates
 - October 8, 2020
 - November 20, 2020
 - January 21, 2021
 - April 30, 2021
 - June 11, 2021
 - The ACF will likely hold an informal meeting/discussion through email before November 20th in order to discuss possible legislative initiatives

III. New Business/Discussion

A. Legislative Issues and Technical Infrastructure

The need for state-wide broadband was reemphasized. Not only do rural students suffer, students who reside in more populous areas suffer as well due the lack of reliability. This concern also directly connects to a larger economic/industrial problem at the statewide level.

B. Institutional and Faculty Adaption to Covid

Faculty believe that there should be a more concerted effort to inform institutional and legislative leaders about the innovate adaptations that have been employed in order to help alleviate many of the problems surrounding Covid. Improved broadband, it was noted, would further help educators facilitate their classes. Some concerns about campus safety (as it pertains to Covid) were raised, as well.

C. Textbook Affordability

It was noted that many of our institutions receive revenue from campus bookstores, which in the end works to discourage students from purchasing course materials from other retailers, which could potentially save them money. Because financial aid vouchers can only be used to purchase materials from institutional bookstores, student options are limited. Open Educational Resources (OER) were discussed as a viable option.

VI. Adjournment